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Mr. R. H. Shackford/
Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance
1013 Thirteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Mr. Shackford:

Thank you for your letter of 19 December 1960 expressing your gratification at my continuing as Director of Central Intelligence. I am indeed pleased to have these kind words from so distinguished a journalist.

Your comments on my speech of 22 August 1960 in Detroit to the Veterans of Foreign Wars are appreciated. You have put your finger on the very essence of the problem of how to combat Communism, I think, when you call for adults as well as youth to join in new methods to meet the more subtle threats of this evil.

I will be pleased to discuss this subject with you and have asked my secretary, to arrange for a mutually agreeable time.

My best wishes for a happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

ODCI/SJGrogan (23 Dec. 1960):nhh

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SCRIPPS-HOWARD NEWSPAPER ALLIANCE

1013 THIRTEENTH ST. NW.
WASHINGTON 5, D. C.

Dec. 19, 1960

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Thank you for your thoughtful note of Dec. 14. I want to take this opportunity to express my gratification that the new President is keeping you at CIA. Or maybe I should congratulate him on his wisdom.

Ever since last summer I have had on my desk a copy of the address you made in Detroit to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. It was delivered while I was on vacation and therefore could do nothing at the time about it for our papers. But it remains here, well marked up, because it is one of my favorite subjects -- and worries.

I am especially interested in the last section -- page 11 et seq, on what we must do about the study of the nature of the theory and practice of communism in our educational system. I applaud the suggestion to start such studies in our secondary schools. But can we afford the gap -- even if we started a good program today -- in such knowledge until those youngsters grow up. Mustn't we also do something right now about this problem with today's adults? I don't mean necessarily the great mass of adults -- although the more the better; but certainly among those adults with adequate educational background and who are in position to influence by their attitudes many others.

A few years ago, after my return from seven years in Europe, I was appalled at what I thought was the wrong kind of emphasis that prevailed in this country toward the Soviet Union and Communism -- emphasis on the overt aggressive threat and the things we don't like about the system. It was an emphasis that I thought showed little awareness of the more subtle threats, and took little note of some of the changes in tactics by Moscow. I persuaded our papers to try to find a "primer" on this subject and serialize it. We did, but unfortunately it tended again to emphasize what was already being emphasized too much.

In recent months I have been giving some thought again to this subject, searching for another way to tackle it -- although I'm not at all convinced that the daily newspaper is the best place to do it. Unfortunately, newspapers by their very nature tend to emphasize in their news columns the very things I think are already out of perspective. I have been trying to think of ways in which some of the very excellent material available from the various research centers at universities through books, learned journals, etc., could be made available in less formidable form for a wider audience. I haven't found any answers.


In any event, I would like very much to talk with you about this problem whenever your schedule permits some time. Thank you for your kind note.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DCI

I am attaching hereto a copy of your letter to Mr. Shackford, of SCRIPPS-HOWARD, congratulating him upon having been awarded the 1960 William the Silent Award for Journalism plus \$1,000.

I am also attaching a copy of his letter to you of 19 December 1960 regarding his ideas and his desire to talk to you about making known to people the subtler threats of Moscow.


STANLEY J. Grogan
Assistant to the Director

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